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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Abstract

SCHOOLS - Secondary - Introduction of bifurcated courses in selected schools in 1948 - 49 - Ordered.
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courses may be introduced from Form IV as recommended by the Board. The Government have decided that to begin with the following courses of studies should be introduced in 50 selected high schools from the school year 1948 -49 and that the question of extending the system to other high schools should be taken up later:

(1) Secretarial
(2) Engineering
(3) Agriculture
(4) Drawing and Painting
(5) Domestic Science and Cookery
(6) Music and Dancing.

'Teaching practice' will also be one of the varied courses to be introduced under the new scheme. The question of introducing this subject in 1948-49 is under separate consideration. Other subjects will be added ~~to~~ as and when necessary.

The draft syllabuses for these courses will be placed before the Board of Secondary Education and finalised shortly. The S.S.L.C. scheme will also be amended embodying the revised syllabuses. Pupils taking the academic courses will move on to university courses as they do at present. It is the intention that pupils taking the technical courses should also be enabled, if they wish to do so, to move on to university courses. The question of admission of the students taking the technical courses into university courses has been taken up with the Universities and a final decision has not yet been arrived at but the Government consider that the introduction of the bifrucated courses in the selected high schools need not be delayed on this account. On the other hand in keeping with the main intention of the scheme of bifurcated courses it is being arranged that ~~and~~ pupils taking the ~~English~~ courses under the scheme would not only be eligible but would be preferred for admission to the poly-technic courses appropriate to the particular subject chosen by them under the bifurcated scheme. It has been decided, also that, the secretarial course will alone be the primary qualification for appointment to posts of lower division clerks and similar posts in Government service, except that this would not preclude Government from fixing higher qualification for such posts in any department or office where the special nature of the work requires it. However until the secretarial courses are opened in a large number of schools in the Province. The number of candidates who have undergone the secretarial course may not be sufficient to meet the demand; when candidates who have undergone the course are not available, others will continue to be appointed to service as at present.

The Director of Public Instruction will be authorised to introduce the syllabuses for the courses of studies mentioned above in anticipation of the approval of the Board of Secondary Education and the amendment of the S.S.L.C. Rules. The time that will be allowed for the study of the various subjects for students taking up the bifurcated courses is shown in annexure. Orders will issue separately in regard to the schools in which the bifurcated courses will be introduced for the current year.

4. With a view to enable local bodies and the managements of aided secondary schools to meet the extra cost involved in the organisation of the new courses, the Government have decided that teaching grants should be made as a special

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case calculated at three fourths of the net cost of running the courses during the preceding financial year subject to a maximum of Rs.1450 per annum to each school for a period of five years from the introduction of the courses and that thequestion of regising the arrangement should be considered at the end of the period. The teaching grant for 1948-9 is payable only in 1940-50 but as the managements may require some financial assistance during the first year of introduction an advance teaching grant of Rs.500/- will be made to each school in which the bifurcated courses are introduced in the current year and the balance will be paid in the next year after the grant for 1948 - 9 is assessed. In addition a non-recurring grant equal to three fourths of the cost of the equipment to be purchased for the new courses will be paid in the current year subject to a maximum of Rs.5,700 for each school. Necessary provision has been made under the appropriate heads under 37 Education in the Annual Estimate of Expenditure for 1948 - 9 to meet the expenditure.

5. Orders will be issued separately on the other recommendations of the Board of Secondary Education in regard to other matters.

6. The Director of Public Instruction is requested to issue the necessary instnuctions to the local bodies and private managements concerned for the introduction of the new courses in the current year.

/BY ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR/

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Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Insutruction
To the Accountant General through Finance Department
To the Special Officers of District Boards concerned
To the Commissioners of Municipalities concerned through Chairman.
To the Director of Information and Publicity.

/True Copy/

Superintendent,
27-7-1953,
MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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A N N E X U R E.

SUJECT	No. of periods per week in each Form.								
	IV Secretarial.	IV - Pro-Techonological.	IV Aesthetic and Domestic (a) For all	IV Aesthetic and Domestic (b) Three optls. from among 5 of these below.	V & VI Secretarial.	V & VI - Pro - Techonological	V & VI - Aesthetic and Domestic. (a) For all.	V & VI - Aesthetic and Domestic. (b) Three optls. from among 5 of those below.	
1. First or Regional Language	4	4	6	-	4	4	6	-	
2. ARts and crafts	To be taken from the spl. sub-jects accord-ing to their needs	To be taken from the spl. subjects according to their needs.							
				5*	As in Form IV	As in Form IV	-	5*	
3. Second Language, Hindustani, Sanskrit, Persian, Arabic or Urdu (or Advanced Course in First Language	4	4	6	5	4	4	-	5	
4. Third Language (English)	6	6	2 (composition only)	5	6	6	2 (Composition only)	5	
5. Mathematics	5	5	-	5	5	5	6	5	
6. General Science	Nil	(Included in spl. subject)	5	-	(INcluded in spl. subject)	-	-	5	
7. Social Studies	3	3	-	5	4	2 (practical to be part of spl-subject)	-	5	
8. Physical Education	2	2	1	-	2	2	1	-	
9. Citizenship	2	2	(Included in spl-subject)	-	-	-	(Included in spl. subject)	-	
10. Religions or Moral Instruction	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	
11. Spl. subjects of the diversified courses	8	8	10	-	9 (plus 1 which may be taken reducing Math. from 5 to 4 periods)	11	10	-	
Total number of periods	35	35	20 (3x5 or) 15 / 35		35	35	20 (3x5 or) 15 / 35		

* This will be Domestic Science (Subsidary) for all girls' schools where Domestic Science is not the spl. subject.